

REMARKS

Claims 15-18 and 24-31 were pending. Claims 24-27 have been amended for clarity, without acquiescence or prejudice to pursue the claims in a related application. This amendment should be entered because it will place the application either in condition for allowance or in better form for appeal. No new matter has been added.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant gratefully thanks the Examiner for determining that claims 15-18 and 28-31 are allowable.

Specification

The specification is objected to as allegedly failing to provide proper antecedent basis for the claimed subject matter. Specifically, the Office action incorrectly asserted that the specification fails to provide antecedent basis for the claimed terminology "medium". Applicant respectfully disagrees. Paragraph 33 of the originally filed specification states that the "Linear matrix based test compaction may be performed using a combination of hardware logic and computer software programs which are stored in a computer readable medium..."

Without acquiescing to the basis of the objection, the claims have been amended for clarity. The amended claims now explicitly recite a computer readable memory as disclosed in paragraph 33, on page 13, line 2 of the originally filed specification. Thus, this rejection is now moot. Thus, Applicant respectfully requests this objection to be withdrawn.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §101

Claims 24-27 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §101 because the claims recite a computer readable medium which allegedly is not one of the 4 statutory category as defined in U.S.C. §101. Applicant respectfully traverses.

Without acquiescing to the basis of the rejection, claim 24 has been amended to recite a computer readable memory. The memory is at least one of the 4 statutory categories. Therefore, this rejection is now moot.

CONCLUSION

Based on the foregoing, all claims are believed allowable, and an allowance of the claims is respectfully requested. If the Examiner has any questions or comments, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the number listed below.

To the extent that any arguments and disclaimers were presented to distinguish prior art, or for other reasons substantially related to patentability, during the prosecution of any and all parent and related application(s)/patent(s), Applicant(s) hereby explicitly retracts and rescinds any and all such arguments and disclaimers, and respectfully requests that the Examiner re-visit the prior art that such arguments and disclaimers were made to avoid.

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